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Information Disclosure Statement

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 within the time specified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

Attached is a copy of each of the references cited in the enclosed European Search Report issued on May 13, 2003 in connection with the counterpart European application. Since all of the references are in English, no further statement of relevance is required.

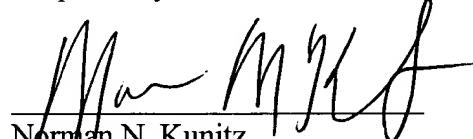
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), on information and belief each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

Accordingly, each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication in a counterpart application, and this communication was not received by any individual designated in C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Thus, Applicants have engaged in a reasonable effort to conclude prosecution of the application under 35 C.F.R. § 1.704.

A Form PTO 1449 identifying each of the enclosed references likewise is attached.

As all requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and all official guidelines pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements, have been complied with, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the enclosed reference, make it of record, and indicate such consideration by enclosing an appropriately initialed copy of the enclosed PTO Form 1449 with the next Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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